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Dej Loaf Had No Idea She'd Collaborated With Eminem Until The Song Was Out

The 'Try Me' rapper talks about 'Detroit Vs. Everybody.'

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While some rappers have waited their entire careers to collaborate with Eminem, Dej Loaf got the opportunity -- of a limetime -- a full year before she released her debut mixtape, Sell Sole.

In a new interview with the Detroit Metro Times, Dej reveals how she landed a spot on the epic anthem. Last summer, Royce Da 5'9" noticed the upstart's efforts and approached her with a simple question. "I like what you do, but can you rap?" he asked. Dej evidently replied yes and the rest is history.

"He was like, 'I got this record,' and I wasn't sure if they were gonna make it,"she told the Times. "He said it would be [a track] called 'Detroit vs. Everybody.'"

Dej agreed to be a part of the song but had no idea who else would be featured, besides Royce.

"I didn't know it was gonna be Eminem," she said. "What would you do?...How would you feel?"

Dej found out on October 29 that she was in good company. She saw her name next to the song title on the SHADYXV track list and found out that Big Sean, Trick Trick, Danny Brown, Royce and Eminem would all be representing the city as well.

The track's producer, Statik Selektah, recently told Complex that he was also left in the dark about the full nature of the song, too.

The ultimate Detroit posse cut is the third single off of Eminem's upcoming SHADYXV compilation album. The LP is expected to be released on November 24.